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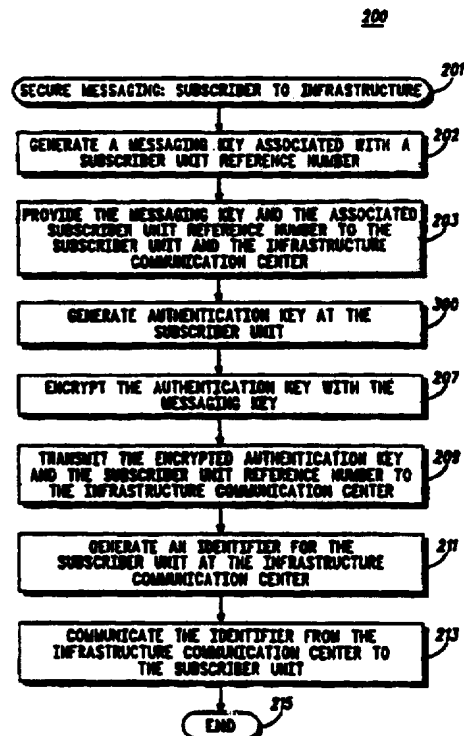
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(54) A method of messaging in a communication system

(57) A communication system (100) employs a method of messaging between a subscriber unit (105) and an infrastructure communication center (101). A messaging key associated with a subscriber unit reference number is provided (203, 403) to the subscriber unit (105) and to the infrastructure communication center (101). An authentication key and/or an identifier for the subscriber unit (105) is then produced (300, 407) by either the subscriber unit (105) or the infrastructure communication center (101). The authentication key and/or the identifier is encrypted (207, 413) with the messaging key and is subsequently communicated (209, 415) between the subscriber unit (105) and the infrastructure communication center (101).



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